

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A decorative light string assembly, comprising:
2 a string of light bulb sockets electrically interconnected by an
3 electrical cord and terminated by at least one electrical connector; and
4 a plurality of decorative light bulbs mated with the sockets, each
5 decorative light bulb comprising a plain light bulb covered by a flexible outer
6 coating in the shape of a candle flame.
- 1 2. The light string assembly of claim 1, wherein the flexible outer
2 coating includes at least one of a colored pigment and a scent.
- 1 3. The light string assembly of claim 2, wherein the at least one of
2 a colored pigment or scent is representative of a holiday or season.
- 1 4. The light string assembly of claim 3, wherein the flexible outer
2 covering includes colored pigment selected from red, white and blue for July
3 Fourth, red and green for Christmas, red and white for Valentine's Day and
4 orange for Halloween.
- 1 5. The light string assembly of claim 2, wherein the flexible outer
2 covering includes scent selected from vanilla, cinnamon, raspberry, cranberry,
3 pumpkin pie and apple pie.
- 1 6. The light string assembly of claim 1, wherein the flexible outer
2 coating is a polymer.
- 1 7. The light string assembly of claim 6, wherein at least one of a
2 colored pigment and a scent is dispersed throughout the polymer.
- 1 8. The light string assembly of claim 6, wherein the polymer is
2 silicon gel.

1 9. The light string assembly of claim 1, wherein each plain light
2 bulb draws between about 1 and 4 watts when energized.

1 10. The light string assembly of claim 9, wherein each plain light
2 bulb draws between about 2 and 3 watts when energized.

1 11. A decorative light string assembly kit, comprising:
2 a string of light bulb sockets electrically interconnected by an
3 electrical cord and terminated by at least one electrical connector; and
4 at least two sets of decorative light bulbs, each decorative light
5 bulb comprising a decorative portion and a socket portion configured for
6 mating with one of the sockets, wherein each decorative light bulb comprises
7 a plain light bulb covered by a flexible outer coating in the shape of a candle
8 flame,
9 wherein each set of decorative light bulbs includes a color or
10 scent associated with a different holiday or season.

1 12. The light string assembly kit of claim 11, wherein the color is
2 provided by mixing a colored pigment into the flexible outer coating.

1 13. The light string assembly kit of claim 12, wherein the colored
2 pigment is selected from red, white and blue for July Fourth, red and green
3 for Christmas, red and white for Valentine's Day, and orange for Halloween.

1 14. The light string assembly kit of claim 11, wherein the flexible
2 outer coating includes a scent dispersed therein.

1 15. The light string assembly kit of claim 14, wherein the scent is
2 selected from vanilla, cinnamon, orange and apple pie..

1 16. The light string assembly kit of claim 11, wherein the flexible
2 outer coating is a polymer.

1 17. The light string assembly kit of claim 16, wherein the polymer is
2 silicon gel.

1 18. The light string assembly kit of claim 11, wherein each plain light
2 bulb draws between about 1 and 4 watts when energized.

1 19. The light string assembly kit of claim 18, wherein each plain light
2 bulb draws between about 2 and 3 watts when energized.

1 20. A method for making a decorative light string assembly,
2 comprising:

3 coating a plurality of plain light bulbs with a polymeric gel to
4 form a like plurality of decorative light bulbs, each plain light bulb drawing
5 between about 1 watts and 4 watts when energized; and

6 mating each of the decorative light bulbs in a light bulb socket of
7 an electrical cord to electrically interconnect the light bulbs, the electrical cord
8 having at least one end terminated by an electrical connector.

1 21. The method of claim 20, further including applying at least one
2 of a color and a scent to each of the light bulbs.

1 22. The method of claim 21, wherein the applying step is performed
2 by mixing at least one of a colored pigment and a scent into the gel prior to
3 the coating.

1 23. The method of claim 21, further including selecting the at least
2 one of the color and scent based on a particular holiday.

1 24. The method of claim 20, wherein the coating step is performed
2 by dipping the plain light bulbs in the gel.